

**Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting**  
1:00 pm May 13, 2021  
Remote

**Members in Attendance:**

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Denise Noonan Middleton (Chair)	Burden, KS	Agriculture 2	2023	No
Brian Meier (Vice Chair)	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2021	No
Kurt Bookout	El Dorado, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2021	No
Libby Albers	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2023	Yes
David Bogner	Mt. Hope, KS	Groundwater Management	2023	No
Don Koci	Hutchinson, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2021	No
Jesse McCurry	Colwich, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	No
Chad Milligan	Derby, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2023	Yes
Roger Black	Arkansas City, KS	Watershed Protection	2023	No
Don Henry	Wichita, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	Yes
Steve Hieger	Wichita, KS	Industry/ Commerce (cc)	2023	No
Russell Tomevi	Winfield, KS	Integrated Planning	2023	Yes
Byron Warta	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	Yes

**Others in attendance:**

Name	Affiliation
David Bollenback	Kansas Corporation Commission
Tom Boese	GMD2 Manager
Amanda Scott	Cowley County Conservation District Manager
Scott Macey	Wichita Public Works and Utilities
Sara Maguire	KWO
Amelia Nill	KWO
Kirk "Tj" Tjemeland	KWO

**Welcome and Roll Call:** Sara Maguire of KWO called the meeting to order at 1:06pm as both the Chair and Vice Chair were unable to participate.

**Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda:** RAC members approved the agenda as written.

**Kansas Water Office Updates**

**a. Statewide Updates**

- i. Legislature:** Kirk "Tj" Tjemeland of KWO provided information on the House Water Committee and encouraged RAC members to follow the committee online via the [legislative YouTube channel](#). This committee discusses topics such as research and data, water quality, water policy, water quantity, and emergency management. A breakdown of these topics can be found in an organizational chart, located [here](#).
- ii. Kansas Water Plan:** Sara Maguire of KWO reviewed the current draft of the Equus-Walnut regional section of the 2021 Kansas Water Plan. A copy of this section will be sent to RAC

members when KWO reaches a further point in the editing process. Water Plan updates can be found on [this page](#).

- iii. **Kansas Water Authority Meeting:** Tj summarized the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting held on April 26, 2021.

### b. Regional Updates

- i. **RAC Membership:** Sara reminded members with a 2021 expiration that they will need to have their applications sent in by June 15, 2021 for renewal. Anyone interested in becoming a member can find the application [here](#).
- ii. Sara opened the floor for open discussion from members, but no comments were made.

### c. Budget Webinar

- i. Tj summarized the budget webinar held on April 30, 2021. The budget webinar was recorded and sent to RAC members in an email prior to the May RAC meeting.
- ii. Sara reminded members of the upcoming budget recommendation deadline. The budget recommendation will be finalized during the July Equus-Walnut RAC meeting.

### Other Business

- a. **Public comments:** None.
- a. **Questions and Future Issues from RAC Members:** Byron Warta requested to be updated on drought monitoring by KWO and inquired about the Produced Water Pilot project. Tj provided an update on the project. Although the system was expected to be in Kansas by May, there is continuing work on the machinery and the timeline has been pushed back. Chad Milligan requested updates from KWO on the Arbuckle project as they know more.
- b. **Meetings**
  - i. **Equus-Walnut RAC:** The next RAC meeting will be scheduled for the middle of July. This meeting will likely be a hybrid of both in-person and virtual communications.
  - ii. **Kansas Water Authority:** The next KWA meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** Byron Warta adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm.